

REMARKS

This Amendment After Final Rejection is responsive to the Office Action identified above, and is further responsive in any other manner indicated below.

PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 and 38-46 were pending in the application at the time of the Office Action. Appropriate claims have been amended, canceled and/or added (without prejudice or disclaimer) in order to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's claimed invention. Such changes are unrelated to any prior art or scope adjustment and are simply cancellation of disputed claims (without prejudice or disclaimer) to obtain a patent (without prejudice or disclaimer) on ones of the allowable claims as quickly as possible. The disputed claims may be pursued within a continuing application. At entry of this paper, Claims 19 and 38-46 will be pending for further consideration and examination in the application.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Claims 19 and 38-46 been allowed in the application, as indicated within the section number "8" on page 5 of the Office Action. Applicant and the undersigned respectfully thank the Examiner for such indication of allowable subject matter.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC §103 - TRAVERSED

All 35 USC §103 rejections of now-canceled ones of Applicant's claims are respectfully traversed. However, disputed claims have been cancelled (without prejudice or disclaimer) as mentioned above to obtain a patent (without prejudice or

disclaimer) on ones of the allowable claims as quickly as possible. Accordingly, such rejections have been obviated within the present application, and thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of such rejections are respectfully requested.

ALL CLAIMS IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the fact that all remaining claims have already been allowed, it is respectfully submitted that all presently pending claims are now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance with respect to the present application is respectfully requested.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Further, Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, *i.e.*, Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local D.C. area number 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or other suggested


actions for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims listed above as presently being under consideration in the application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

A Petition for an appropriate one-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith (15 January 2005 falls on a Saturday, 16 January falls on a Sunday, and 17 January 2005 is a federal holiday in the District of Columbia). To whatever other extent is actually proper and required, Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Also submitted herewith is Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment of the entire Petition fee. No additional claim fees are necessary for entry of this Amendment. Please charge any actual fee deficiency to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing Case No. 503.39984X00).

Respectfully submitted,



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Concurrent Submissions:
Petition For Extension Of Time
Form PTO-2038 (Fee Code 1251)